

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 214

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Miles Ezell, Jr., on the celebration of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Miles Ezell, Jr., will celebrate his eightieth birthday on March 12, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Miles Ezell, Jr., was born and raised in Davidson County and lived and worked on a dairy farm until age 18; he is still a highly-respected member of the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Ohio State University, Mr. Ezell served his country in the United States Navy as an Electronics Technician from 1945 to 1946; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ezell has served with acumen and alacrity since 1997, as Senior Chairman of Purity Dairies, Inc., his family's business; he has also served as Treasurer, President, and Chairman during his illustrious fifty-seven-year career with Purity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ezell is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Linda McConville, whom he married in 1996; his beloved first wife of nearly fifty years, the former Gerry Rader, passed away in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Miles Ezell is the proud father of Mila, Stan, Gil, and Mark; he also has thirteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Ezell approaches his ninth decade, he is still active and productive in the dairy industry and the community as a Board Member of such organizations as the Milk Industry Foundation, which he has served as Chairman, and the Washington Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ezell has also made many valuable contributions to the dairy industry through his affiliation with the Tennessee Dairy Products Association, having served on the Board for twenty years and as President for eleven years; and

WHEREAS, during a life overflowing with accomplishment in civic and charitable concerns, Mr. Ezell has served his fellow citizens with distinction in a wide variety of roles, having been particularly active with Young Encouragement Service Hobby Shop, AGAPE, Metro Nashville Human Relations Commission, Charlotte Fanning Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and Una Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, perhaps closest to Mr. Ezell's heart is Lipscomb University, where he and more than sixty of his father's family and descendants have attended through the years; he was an active member of the Lipscomb Board for over twenty years and served as Chairman from 1991 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Miles Ezell has received the Ohio State University College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumni Award, as well as Lipscomb University's highest honor, the Torch Award, for distinguished service and generosity to the University; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Miles Ezell, Jr., on the celebration of his eightieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.